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Information Paper for USARAK and supported units in Alaska

Subject: Availability of Other Than Active Duty (OTAD) Care in Military Dental Treatment Facilities (DTF) during Deployments

1. There will be no routine dental care for OTAD patients offered in military DTFs over the course of the deployment of the 172nd SBCT and other supporting units.
2. Treatment of OTAD patients in military DTFs is limited by Public Law (Title X, Chapter 55, Section 1077) and HA Policy 97-045 to emergency care only. Space-available care for OTAD members is dependent on the dental readiness of the active force and the availability of dental providers. Family members of AD Soldiers are encouraged to use the TRICARE Family Member Dental Insurance Plan. Soldiers should enroll their family members using the website: www.ucci.com or call 1-888-622-2256. Enrollment forms are also available at military dental clinics at Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson. Retirees are eligible for care using the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program offered by Delta Dental at www.trdp.org or 1-888-838-8737.
3. The AD population will be dramatically decreased during the deployment of the 172nd SBCT; however allocation of military and contract dentists, plus ancillaries, over the next fiscal year has been adjusted based on the remaining AD population. One of the general dentists at Fort Wainwright is assigned to the Brigade, and will be deploying. There is an underlap in fill of dental vacancies due to PCS and retirement, and a vacancy for a prosthodontist at Fort Wainwright will not be filled this year. The emphasis on dental personnel fill is on Fort Richardson with the demand from the newly formed 4-25 Inf BCT (Abn) and redeploying troops.
4. The focus of dental treatment over the past 8-10 months has been on deploying Soldiers. Soldiers requiring routine, non-urgent treatment in units remaining behind have had their treatment postponed in order to maximize dental readiness of deploying troops. It is now their turn.

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